

## QUICK WORK.

### Prompt Response of Government in Clearing Harbor.

#### Cutter Woodbury Here Breaking Up Ice Yesterday.

As exclusively announced in the TIMES on Tuesday, Mayor MacDonald and Collector William H. Jordan held a conference on Monday afternoon to see if some measures could not be taken to clear the harbor of ice which was causing so much inconvenience and expense to the vessel owners as well as the loss to causing fishermen who were eager and willing to get out and engage in fishing, but were prevented from doing so by the ice fields which spread over the harbor. It was decided to telegraph to Congressman Gardner the conditions existing here and solicit his good offices in procuring the services of a government vessel to assist in breaking out the ice.

Mayor MacDonald considered that a request of this kind had better come from the collector of the port, and Mr. Jordan, who was willing to do anything to carry out the good idea suggested, telegraphed to Congressman Gardner Tuesday noon, the gist of his message being as follows:

"Gloucester, Mass., Feb. 21, 1904.

Congressman Augustus P. Gardner, Washington, D. C.

Many vessels frozen in Gloucester harbor. It would be greatly appreciated if Secretary Shaw would order revenue cutter to perform the work of breaking up the ice, making it impossible for the vessels to get clear and possibly save a serious loss to many vessel owners and fishermen. If not too much trouble will you please urge the necessity for immediate action. I have not wired the department.

William H. Jordan, Collector."

At 4.30 o'clock yesterday afternoon the revenue cutter Woodbury was in this port, and broke up a large quantity of the ice, clearing a passage well up into the upper harbor and the broken ice rapidly drifted out to sea. The vessel owners and fishermen fully appreciate the efforts of Collector Jordan, Mayor MacDonald, Congressman Gardner and the treasury department at Washington for their efforts, and the people in general are grateful to Congressman Gardner for his prompt attention to the request of their representatives in this city.

The Woodbury was assisted in the work of breaking up the ice by the tugs Nellie and Eveleth, these crafts helping materially in the good work of clearing the harbor. Yesterday afternoon the work of breaking the ice was completed as far forth as possible, although some remained in Smith's cove and in the vicinity of Slade Gordon & Co.'s and Wm. F. Moore & Co.'s.

Today the harbor is practically clear, the ferry boat is running, there is clear water nearly everywhere and all the wharves can be reached. There is considerable slush between Rocky Neck and Fort wharf, but this does not hinder the arrival and departure of vessels.

One of the old wrecks on the western end of Five Pound island floated off with one of the big ice cakes when it was detached and left its icy home by dropping itself on the rocks near the Tarr & Wonson copper paint factory.

## HARBOR FREE.

### Vessels Imprisoned at Cape Porpoise Are Free.

The shift of wind yesterday, drove the ice out of the harbor at Cape Porpoise, Me., and freed the fleet of fishing vessels which have been ice bound for some days.

## ICE AT PROVINCETOWN.

### Stranded Sch. Ramona Unhurt on Flats in Harbor.

Of all the great ice floe that crowded the northeastern part of Cape Cod bay Tuesday, blocking Provincetown harbor entrance and extending out of sight to the south, only a fragment was visible from Town hill yesterday, at the northwest end of the harbor, where it had been driven by a change of wind during the night, carrying with it two big haddocks to the very edge of the flats and stranding two others far in shore. Sch. Ramona of this port and schs. Nellie Adams, Philip P. Manta and Frank Foster of Provincetown, each with with two anchors ahead, were dragged from their holding ground and forced steadily landward.

The Foster was pushed stern first alongside of Paine's wharf, where she was as neatly docked by the ice as her men could have done it. Sch. Ramona was carried far in across the flats and was aground at low tide, unhurt. Sch. Nellie Adams remained in the ice at noon, while sch. Manta was released by the tug Priscilla.

## AT ROSE BLANCH.

### Sch. Golden-Rod Has Been Four Days in Ice.

#### Harbor and Neighboring Coast Blocked by Big Floe.

Sch. Golden Rod of this port, bound home, light, from Port au Basque, N. F., is in the ice at Rose Blanche, N. F.

A telegram yesterday from Capt. Thomas Bohlin, states that the vessel was forced in there soon after leaving Port au Basque, and that the harbor and neighboring coast are blocked with ice. The Golden Rod had been in the ice there for four days, but Capt. Bohlin said that she would come out all right when the wind shifted.

## FROM FORTUNE BAY.

### Sch. Maggie and May Brings Partial Herring Fare.

Sch. Maggie and May arrived this morning from Fortune Bay, N. F., with 250 barrels of frozen herring. Herring have been very scarce there all winter.

## MAINE COAST HERRING.

### Sch. Margie Smith Here with Fine Cargo.

Sch. Margie Smith, Capt. Nathaniel Smith, arrived at this port yesterday from Eastport, Me., with a full fare of naturally frozen herring taken in that locality. The herring are of large size and fine quality.

## GOOD SEASON FOR WHALERS.

Ottawa, Feb. 24.—A report from the mouth of the Mackenzie river, where a mounted police station is located, states that the whalers had a fairly good season.

## DAILY TIMES FISH BUREAU.

### To-day's Arrivals and Receipts.

Sch. Corona, Grand Bank, 18,000 lbs. halibut.

Sch. Arbutus, Grand Bank, 3000 lbs. halibut, 8000 lbs. flitch halibut.

Sch. Priscilla, Georges, via Portland, 11,000 lbs. cod.

Sch. Manomet, shore.

### Today's Fish Market.

Board of Trade prices for salt and fresh fish:

Salt fish, handline Georges cod, \$4.90 per cwt. for large, \$4.00 for medium; trawl Georges cod, \$4.25 for large, \$3.25 for medium; trawl Bank cod, \$4.00 for large, \$3.50 for medium; hake, \$1.25; pollock, \$1.25; haddock, \$1.75; large cusk, \$2.50.

Fresh fish, large cod, \$2.15; medium cod, \$1.75; all cod caught to the eastward of La-Have bank, \$2.15, medium \$1.75; cusk, \$1.50; Eastern haddock, \$1; Western haddock, \$1.15; hake, 90 cts.; Eastern hake, 90 cts.; Western hake, 95 cts.; pollock, 70c; snap per codfish, 60 cts.; snapper cusk, 40 cts.

Outside sales salt Georges cod, \$5.50 per cwt. for large and \$5.00 for mediums.

Outside sales fresh hake, \$1.00.

Bank halibut, 11 cts. per pound for white and 9 cts. for gray.

### Fishing Fleet Movements.

Schs. Mineola, Fred. Leland, Uncle Sam, Sylvia M. Nunan and Bernie and Bessie were at Portland with small fares of fresh fish on Wednesday.

## WITH BROKEN BOOM.

### Sch. Paragon Put into Halifax Wednesday.

#### Capt. Harmon Reports Miles of Lolly Ice on Banks.

A special to the TIMES from its Halifax, N. S., correspondent states that sch. Paragon of this port put in at that port Wednesday night from the Banks to secure a new main-boom, having carried her's away.

Capt. Harmon reported very cold and rough weather and miles of lolly ice on the fishing ground. Sch. Paragon had been out five weeks and secured 4000 pounds of halibut. Capt. Harmon said that for a week at a time the weather would be so bad that it was impossible to put a dory over the side.

## Halibut at Portland.

Sch. Priscilla, which arrived here this morning, landed 4000 pounds of halibut at Portland on Wednesday. Sch. W. H. Moody of this port landed 8000 pounds of halibut there the same day.

## Good Stock.

Sch. Lucania, Capt. Martin L. Welch, stocked \$5050, as the result of her recent haddocking trip, the crew sharing \$55.50.